

TO : Approved For Release 2006/09/25 : CIA-RDP79-01578A000200050065-3
Chairman, Equipment Board, OC

THROUGH: Chief, Communications Engineering

FROM : Chairman, Test Equipment Working Group

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Committee on the Proposed
World-Wide Calibration Program.

1. On 29 January 1974 the Test Equipment Working Group (TEWG) Sub-Committee on Calibration held a meeting in the OC-E/ESD/TSB Library to discuss events concerning the proposed world-wide OC electronic test equipment calibration program. This was the third stated meeting concerning this proposed program.

2. Members in attendance:



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3. The meeting of the Committee was opened by Mr. [redacted] at 0940 hours on 29 January 1974. No questions were raised on the minutes of the previous meeting and the panel got down to the first order of business. The world-wide calibration and maintenance of OC test equipment.

4. The chairman pointed out that after some inquiries to local electronics firms, he received replies from [redacted]. These replies were not too encouraging, being vague in nature. The response to inquiries made to DOD on calibration/maintenance included the reply that there was no central location for DOD electronics repair facilities. Some statements were made as to the credibility of the Army repair program. It was found from some experience that they did not seem to measure up to the standards required. [redacted]

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[redacted] repair facility seemed in all reports the best suited to

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fullfill the need. It was agreed by the panel to arrange a meeting with the necessary people that would have know-

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5. [redacted] stated that many reports had been received from the field in response to the calibration/maintenance of test equipment. The data received seemed to be of a pro- and con nature and most were vary vague in describing any repair facilities existing in their respective areas. It was agreed upon by the Committee that because [redacted] were about to embark on a world-wide trip they could inquire about the different electronic repair facilities that might be available in all the areas. The group will supply them with a compiled list of all test equipment separated by areas.

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[redacted] and enlist his views on this proposal.

6. A proposal was made and agreed upon that the overall scope of the program should be the same. The panel suggested some accessment of the availability of the specific facilities at the different stations. Three main proposals were accepted by the panel. They are the following:

A. The use of military facilities located at the most central point to all the stations within a given area.

[redacted] The necessary negotiations and liason work should be initiated at the headquarters level.

B. The use of Commercial facilities located in the respective areas was proposed as the second choice.

[redacted] The area headquarters in conjunction with the information supplied by the field would facilitate the decision making body.

C. The third proposal would be a test standard located at a major base station or area headquarters. This would suffice for an inter-area in-house calibration/maintenance program. This program would be in effect only if there was no military or commercial facilities available.

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7. There was one other proposal of the TEWG. The proposal of a traveling technical team to which the entire purpose would be the calibration and repair of electronic test equipment. Two main drawbacks presented themselves, staffing, and the transporting of delicate frequency standard equipment.

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8. [redacted] stated that he was aware of a portable transfer standard that could be calibrated at a base by the use of a 117 receiver tuned to a VLF frequency standard. This standard could then be used by traveling technicians to calibrate test equipment in the field stations.

9. The problem of Funding, Staffing, and Security was again brought before the panel. The chairman reiterated, that although basically there is always room for concern in these areas, he did not want the group to place them in the decision making category.

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10. The group discussed the problem of [redacted] versus commercial repair facilities in regards to cost effectiveness. It was agreed that a commercial contract would be more expensive than utilizing [redacted] military programs.

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11. The meeting was adjourned at 1330 hours with the understanding that a special meeting would be convened on 5 February 1974 to finalize the recommendations and package the proposal for presentation [redacted]

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